



## **STATE BOARD OF HEALTH BRIEFING**

### **FOOD SERVICE RULE REVISION PROPOSAL TO ADOPT 2001 FDA FOOD CODE**

### **JULY 14, 2004**

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#### **Background**

- ◆ The food service rules of the State Board of Health (Chapter 246-215 WAC) were last revised in 1992.
- ◆ At its November 2001 meeting, the State Board of Health initiated a major revision of these rules.
- ◆ Passed in the 2002 legislative session, RCW 69.80.60 mandates special rules for donated food distributing organizations.
- ◆ Passed in the 2003 legislative session, RCW 43.20.145 mandates consideration of the most recent FDA Food Code for the food service rule. The most recent edition is 2001. The FDA Food Code is a model rule.

#### **Food Service Rule Revision Stakeholder Input**

- ◆ The Department of Health (DOH) formed advisory workgroups and began soliciting comments from Washington food safety stakeholders in 2002.
- ◆ DOH formed a Core Workgroup to review and vote upon stakeholder comments and subcommittee recommendations.
- ◆ Based on Core Workgroup recommendations, DOH prepared a first draft of the proposed rule revision in August 2003 and held 19 statewide public comment workshops in September 2003.
- ◆ The Core Workgroup reviewed comments regarding the first draft of the proposed rule revision to provide recommendations for draft two.
- ◆ DOH prepared a second draft and held 9 statewide public comment workshops in February and March 2004. Comments were again reviewed by the Core Workgroup prior to DOH preparing the final proposal.

#### **Core Workgroup Membership**

15 voting members

- 3 restaurant representatives
- 2 grocery representatives (rotating representation)
- 1 food worker representative
- 1 school food service representative
- 5 local health jurisdiction (LHJ) representatives
- 1 DOH Facilities and Services Licensing representative
- 1 Department of Social and Health Services representative
- 1 consumer representative

#### **Core Workgroup Decision-making Principles**

- ◆ Make consensus decisions (only vote as needed)
  - ◆ Maintain strong, effective food safety rules
  - ◆ Adopt 2001 FDA Food Code provisions as written, unless compelling reason to change
  - ◆ Ensure all affected stakeholder groups are heard
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